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A Copy of an ORIGINAL LETTER  
From his Lordship to a NOBLE PEER,

Giving his Reasons for leaving the Kingdom  
in *March 1715.*

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IN THE NAME OF GOD, whom I humbly  
adore, to whom I offer up perpetual  
Thanksgiving, and to the Order of  
whose Providence I am chearfully  
resigned. This is the Last Will and Testament of  
me, *Henry Saint John*, in the Reign of Queen  
*Ann,*

*Ann*, and by her Grace and Favour Viscount *Bolingbroke*, after more than Thirty Years Proscription, and after the immense Losses I have sustained by unexpected Events in the Course of it; by the Injustice and Treachery of Persons nearest to me; by the Negligence of Friends; and by the Infidelity of Servants; as my Fortune is so reduced at this Time, that it is impossible for me to make such Disposition, and to give such ample Legacies as I always intended, I content therefore to give as follows :

My Debts, and the Expences of my Burial in a decent and private Manner at *Battersea*, in the Vault where my last Wife lies, being first paid, I give to *William Chetwynd* of *Stafford*, Esq; and *Joseph Taylor* of the *Inner-Temple*, *London*, Esq; my two assured Friends, each of them One Hundred Guineas to be laid out by them, as to each of them shall seem best in some Memorial, as the Legacy of their departed Friend, and I constitute them Executors of this my Will. The Diamond  
Ring

Ring which I wear upon my Finger, I give to my old and long approved Friend the Marquis of *Matignon*, and after his Decease, to his Son the Count *de Gace*, that I may be kept in the Remembrance of a Family whom I love and honour above all others.

*Item*, I give to my said Executors, the Sum of Four Hundred Pounds in Trust, to place out the same in some of the Publick Funds, or Government Securities, or any other Securities as they shall think proper, and to pay the Interest or Income thereof, to *Francis Arboneau* my *Valet de Chambre*, and *Ann* his Wife, and the Survivor of them; and after the Decease of the Survivor of them, if their Son *John Arboneau* shall be living, and under the Age of Eighteen Years, to pay the said Interest or Income to him, until he shall attain his said Age, and then to pay the principal Money, or assign the Securities for the same to him; but if he shall not be living at the Decease of his Father and Mother, or shall afterwards die before  
his

his said Age of Eighteen Years, in either of the said Cases, the said Principal Sum of Four Hundred Pounds, and the Securities for the same, shall sink into my Personal Estate, and be accounted Part thereof.

*Item*, I give to my two Servants *Marianne Tribon* and *Remi Charnet* commonly called *Picard*, each One Hundred Pounds, and to every other Servant living with me at the Time of my Decease, and who shall have lived me Two Years or longer, I give One Years Wagers more than what shall be due to them at my Death.

And, whereas I am the Author of the several Books or Tracts following, *viz.*

*Remarks on the History of England, from the Minutes of Humphrey Oldcastle. In Twenty-four Letters.*

*A Dis-*



*A Dissertation upon Parties. In Nineteen Letters, to Caleb Danvers, Esq;*

*The Occasional Writer. Numb. 1, 2, 3.*

*The Vision of Camilick.*

*An Answer to the London Journal of December 21, 1728, by John Trot.*

*An Answer to the Defence of the Enquiry into the Reasons of the Conduct of Great-Britain.*

*A final Answer to the Remarks on the Craftsman's Vindication.*

All which Books or Tracts have been printed and published, and I am also the Author of

*Four Letters on History, &c.*

Which have been privately printed and not published; but I have not assigned to any Person or Persons whatsoever the Copy, or the Liberty of Printing or Reprinting, any of the said Books, or Tracts, or Letters. Now I do hereby, as far as by Law I can, give and assign to *David Mallet* of *Putney*, in the County of *Surry*, Esquire, the Copy and Copies of all and each of the before-mentioned Books or Tracts, and Letters, and the Liberty of Reprinting the same. I also give to the said *David Mallet*, the Copy and Copies of all the Manuscript Books, Papers, and Writings, which I have written or composed, or shall write or compose, and leave at the Time of my Decease. And I further give to the said *David Mallet*, all my Books which at the Time of my Decease, shall be in the Room called *my Library*.

All the rest and residue of my Personal Estate, whatsoever and wheresoever, I give to my said Executors, and hereby revoking all former Wills, I declare this to be my Last Will and Testament.

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In Witness whereof, I have hereunto set my Hand  
and Seal the Twenty-second Day of *November*,  
in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven  
Hundred and Fifty One.

*Henry Saint John, Bolingbroke.*

*Signed, Sealed, Published, and  
Declared by the said Testa-  
tor, as and for his Last Will  
and Testament, in the Pre-  
sence of*

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THOMAS HALL.

Proved at *London*, the Fifth Day of *March*,  
1752, before the Worshipful *Robert Chap-  
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Oaths of *William Chetwynd* and *Joseph  
Taylor*, Esquires, the Executors named in  
the Will, to whom Administration was  
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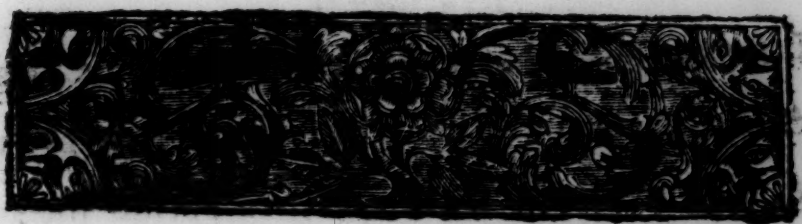
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WILLIAM LEGARD, }  
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O R I G I N A L L E T T E R

From the Right Hon. the  
Lord Viscount *Bolingbroke*,  
To a N O B L E P E E R,

Giving his R E A S O N S for Leaving the  
Kingdom in *March 1715*.

My LORD,                      *Dover, March 17, 1715.*



I Left the Town so abruptly, that I had  
not Time to take leave of You, or any  
of my Friends. You will excuse me,  
when You know, that I had certain and repeated  
Informa-

Informations, from some, who are in the Secret of Affairs; that a Resolution was taken by those, who have Power to execute, to pursue me to the Scaffold. My Blood was to have been the Cement of a New Alliance; nor cou'd my Innocence be any Security, after it had once been demanded from Abroad, and resolved on at Home; that it was necessary to cut me Off. Had there been the least Reason to hope for a fair and open Tryal, after having been already Prejudged, unheard, by the two Houses of Parliament, I should not have declined the strictest Examination. I challenge the most inveterate of my Enemies, to produce any one Instance of Criminal Correspondence, or the least Corruption, in any Part of the Administration in which I was concerned. If my Zeal for the Honour and Dignity of my Royal Mistress, and the true Interest of my Country, has any where transported me, to let slip a warm or unguarded Expression; I hope the most favourable Interpretation will be put upon it. It is a Comfort, that will remain with me in all Misfortunes, that I served

Her

Her Majesty faithfully and dutifully, in that especially, which she had most at Heart, relieving Her People from a bloody and expensive War; and that I have always been too much an *Englishman*, to sacrifice the Interest of my Country, to any Foreign Ally whatsoever. And it is for this Crime only, that I am now driven from thence.

You will hear more at large from me shortly.

*Yours, &c.*

